

**MOSZKOWICZ** Ajzyk (1887-1941), dentist. He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1887 in Krzepice, the son of Salomon Szlama Josek of Krzepice and Szyfra née Truskolas. His parents married in 1883 in Krzepice. His closest relatives were the Częstochowa *felczer* [paramedic] brothers –Maurycy Moszkowicz (1886-1932) and Szlama Moszkowicz (1890-1941), the sons of Szmul Zelig and Sara née Weksler.

Ajzyk Moszkowicz studied in Odessa. In Częstochowa, he lived and ran his practice at ul. Garibaldiiego 17. He was a modern and open-minded person. He had numerous contacts with the Polish community. For example, many of his patients were nuns from convents near Jasna Góra. He died from meningitis on 12<sup>th</sup> April 1941 in Częstochowa, in the Jewish Hospital at ul. Sowińskiego 36. He was buried in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery (grave No. 1148 II).

His wife was Ruta Ruda née Blachman (1886 Szczerców - 20 November 1931 Częstochowa). She is also buried in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery (grave No. 282 I). They had three daughters:

- Regina married surname Cudek (1912 Częstochowa - 1942?),
- Estera, who died as a child,
- Dora married surname Rajcher (29<sup>th</sup> March 1919 Częstochowa – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017 Melbourne).

In 1939, Dora graduated from the Jewish Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. While living in the Częstochowa ghetto, in May 1941, she married Wolf Rajcher from Sosnowiec, a graduate of the Chorzów Commerce College. Both were in the HASAG-Pelcery camp, where Dora worked as an ammunitions welder. They were liberated from the camp on the night of 16<sup>th</sup> January 1945.

After a few months, they moved to Katowice, where Wolf had a cousin who worked in the security service [SB]. To earn a living, Wolf smuggled cigarettes and saccharine between Katowice and Budapest. With their cousin's help, they left for Paris. Relatives in Melbourne and Toronto helped them to obtain visas.

In May 1947, they arrived in Melbourne, Australia. Initially, they worked in factories. Several years later, their son Andrew was born. In the 1970s, Wolf established a textile factory, which he sold in 1990, when he retired. They were long-time members of the orthodox synagogue in the Melbourne suburb of Brighton. Wolf was a major donation collector for Jewish Community Services in Melbourne. Wolf and Dora are both buried in Melbourne's Chevra Kadisha Cemetery in Springvale.

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